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**DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA**

Whereas Elkhart County, Indiana ("Elkhart County"), including municipalities therein, have been threatened by the natural disaster of a tornado and heavy storms;

Whereas a tornado and heavy storms have caused significant damage within Elkhart County and public safety responders are overtaxed; and

Whereas an emergency declaration is an appropriate public safety response to the damage caused by the tornado and heavy storms;

Now, therefore, under Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29, a local disaster emergency is declared by Elkhart County. Those parts of the Indiana Code applicable to the conditions which caused issuance of this declaration are invoked and in effect for exercising all necessary emergency authority for protection of lives and property.

All public offices and employees of Elkhart County must exercise utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them during the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, whether state or local.


All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers. Residents are warned that emergency relief may be delayed if they get stranded.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations to the Emergency Operations Center.

This Local Disaster Emergency Declaration will be in effect until a further declaration is issued or as determined by the Elkhart County Board of Commissioners, but this Disaster Emergency Declaration will not continue for more than 7 days.

This Declaration is entered effective June 12, 2026.

**FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF ELKHART, INDIANA**

  
Bradley D. Rogers, President